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# Solon And Rights Tied In 'Bundle' By Drew Pearson

U. S. Rep. Mendel Rivers of South Carolina as a security risk and the Central Intelligence Agency as a promoter of civil rights were tied together into an unattractive bundle by columnist Drew Pearson in his address last night at Convention Hall.

CIA, said Pearson, has backed the civil rights movement in the South through financial contributions and through pushing registration of Negroes for voting.

The reason given by CIA for action on this apparently unrelated front is the necessity, in their opinion, of improving America's image abroad.

Rivers, who is on the watchdog committee for CIA, did not protest the action. Knowing the views of the South Carolinian,

Pearson concluded "he must have been in his cups to let it happen."

Pearson repeated what he has often said in his column in

connection with what he calls Rivers' "excessive use of alcohol."

"Those who overindulge are always considered security risks. Yet Rivers, as a member of the CIA watchdog committee, is privy to much top secret information. His drinking and his committee membership are incompatible."

The CIA, Pearson pointed out, is the only agency whose work and expenditures are not reviewed by Congress.